

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (previously presented): A terminal structure of a sheathed wire, comprising:
- a terminal fitting;
- a terminal connecting portion at a rear end portion of the terminal fitting at which the terminal fitting and a bare conductor of the sheathed wire is connected; and
- a molded portion which covers and waterproofs at least the terminal connecting portion,
- wherein a circumferential size of the molded portion from a part corresponding to the terminal connecting portion is continuously reduced, so that a rear end portion of the molded portion has a same diameter as a diameter of the sheathed wire, and
- wherein there is no increase in the circumferential size of the molded portion in a first direction parallel to a direction in which the terminal fitting extends, as the circumferential size of the molded portion is continuously reduced.

5. **(canceled¹)**: The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein a thickness of a sheathed wire side of the fusiform molded portion is continuously reduced such that an end portion thereof has a same dimension as a diameter of the sheathed wire.

6. (previously presented): The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein the molded portion has a plurality of alternate concave grooves and convex ribs formed thereon in a direction parallel to the first direction.

7. (previously presented): The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein a part of the molded portion is flush with one side of the terminal connecting portion.

8. (previously presented): The terminal structure as set forth in claim 6, wherein said plurality of alternate concave grooves and convex ribs are arranged side by side in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

¹ This claim was previously canceled in the Amendment dated February 19, 2003. Claim 5 was mistakenly indicated as "previously presented" in the Amendment filed on November 17, 2003.